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**From:** Dourson, Michael (doursoml) [doursoml@ucmail.uc.edu]  
**Sent:** 7/22/2017 7:02:34 PM  
**To:** Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Munoz, Charles [munoz.charles@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Beck, Nancy [Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Nomination

Ryan

Ok, I will go through each of the original stories (including some of the older ones) and make a column with a statement, a column for reality, and a column with a citation. Please feel free to suggest another format. This should not be too difficult, since we have already done this for a couple of them.

Cheers!

Michael

-- Keep Calm and ITERate! (<http://www.tera.org/peer/ITERReview>)

On 7/22/17, 1:04 PM, "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

>I appreciate your work on helping to arm us to contradict accusations.  
>It will be a fight but we will work back and forth to be able to combat  
>accusations. The good thing about it is that the democratic staffers  
>and environmental groups involved in this will show their hands so that  
>we will be entirely prepared for whatever nonsense they propose in the  
>press and at any hearing.

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>Ryan Jackson  
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>> On Jul 21, 2017, at 10:41 PM, Dourson, Michael (doursoml)  
>><doursoml@ucmail.uc.edu> wrote:

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>> Ryan

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>> I very much appreciate the work you put into my nomination. I expected  
>>some pushback from several environmental groups, and I suppose I was not  
>>disappointed. In contrast, I have ask some of my ENGO colleagues to  
>>write letters in support to the Senate EPW.

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>> Our group has heard all of these stories before and have ready answers  
>>to each of them. For example, the recent piece by EWG on PFOA has a  
>>least one half truth, but it then it goes off the rails with  
>>inaccuracies and implications about our work, for which we received in  
>>2002 an Environmental Stewardship Award from the State of West Virginia.  
>> Statements of "extensive ties to the chemical industry and previous  
>>connections to big tobacco" claims of the EDF and others on the various  
>>websites are highly inaccurate or false. The facts are:

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>> \* TERA and the RSC has on average 1/3 industry funding and 2/3  
>>government funding. To say that we have extensive ties to the chemical  
>>industry is false, unless one is to also say in the same breath that we  
>>are twice the extensive ties to government. No normal person would say  
>>that. EDF is being disingenuous or committing a sin of omission to use  
>>the religious angle.

>> \* Our "big tobacco" connection is all of the following. I will  
>>leave it to you to judge whether this connection warrants the current  
>>attention.

>> \* TERA has received \$635 for work done directly for tobacco  
>>companies over a period of more than 20 years. TERA has indirectly  
>>received approximately \$6,000 for work done as a subcontractor to a  
>>consulting firm whose client was funded by tobacco companies (TERA had

>>no direct connection with the tobacco company). TERA conducts training  
>>courses in risk assessment, particularly dose-response assessment, for  
>>many government agencies and companies, as well as in public workshops  
>>open to all. TERA was paid less than \$6,000 plus travel expenses for one  
>>training course for a tobacco company. TERA has trained hundreds of  
>>scientists in the public training courses and some of these people (less  
>>than a dozen) worked for tobacco companies and their fees were likely  
>>paid for by their companies.

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>> \* The description of our West Virginia river spill peer review by  
>>EDF where we supposedly did not disclose prior work to companies that  
>>contributed to the problem, forgot to mention that we had a COI  
>>description of our work (as well as the other reviewers) before the  
>>meeting and updated it at the meeting. In fact, EPA inspector general  
>>cited TERA as being the only group that documented its COI in a peer  
>>review report in their 2009 study of the IRIS (attached, see page 12).  
>>EDF also forgot to mentioned that we lowered the safe dose by 8-fold for  
>>the West Virginia chemical over the value established by the federal  
>>government. Hardly helping industry with this move.

>> \* The description of our work for the Perchlorate Study Group forgot  
>>to mention that we lowered the the original industry safe dose of  
>>perchlorate by 500-fold. We also independently published our on  
>>assessment in 2004 that was lower than a new industry standard by about  
>>8-fold. EPA had yet a lower value, that the NAS subsequently raised  
>>(TERA's value was much closer to the NAS value than EPA's).  
>>Importantly, TERA's value appears to be similar to what EPA is now  
>>contemplating in 2017, 13 years after our original work.

>> \* The Center for Progressive Reform report has been thoroughly  
>>discredited (TERA press release attached, I can also send their  
>>annotated text with specifics).

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>> I could go on, and will happily do so if you feel the need for any  
>>response. I would also be willing to sit down with a reporter to go  
>>over each supposed problem and counter them.

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>> Your call\$

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>> Cheers!

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>> Michael

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>> < Risk Science Center (formerly TERA Center) sponsors the International  
>>Toxicity Estimates for Risk (ITER) database of risk assessment values on  
>>Toxnet: <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>

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>> [UC-DEH Risk Science Center]

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>> From: "Jackson, Ryan"  
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>> To: Michael Dourson  
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>> Subject: RE: Pending EPA Nomination

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>> No worries on that. Much appreciated. It shouldn't be too much longer.

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>> From: Dourson, Michael (doursom1) [mailto:doursom1@ucmail.uc.edu]  
>> Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 1:44 PM  
>> To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>>  
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>> Subject: Pending EPA Nomination

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>> Ryan

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>> Just a quick note to let you know that I was approach by Barbara  
>>Bancoff, a former EPA senior scientist, as to whether I was interested  
>>in the AA of ORD. I expressed interest to her without stating that I  
>>was already being vetted for the AA for OCSPP, since this seemed like an  
>>appropriate way to honor her question. However, as we previously  
>>discussed, my talents seemed best suited for OCSPP. I look forward to  
>>working with you closely on this in the future.

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>> Cheers!

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>> Michael

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>> -- Risk Science Center (formerly TERA Center)
>> Integrating assessments for both human and environmental health. See
>>http://www.tera.org/EcoTERA/index.html
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